dialogue with Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission as the Co-Chairperson on the Indian side and Energy Secretary as the Co-Chairperson from the US side. The first meeting of the Energy Dialogue took place on 31st May, 2005 in Washington DC. The meeting resulted in an understanding to establish a Steering Committee to supervise the five Working Groups under the dialogue, which would be on: Civil Nuclear Energy, Oil and Gas, Power and Energy Efficiency, Coal and New Technologies and Renewable Energy.

(d) The first meeting of the Civil Nuclear Working group is yet to take place.

(e) The India-US Energy Dialogue would focus on promoting increased trade and investment in the energy sector by working with the public and private sectors to further identify areas of cooperation and collaboration. Building upon the broad range of existing cooperation, it is hoped that this effort will help mobilize secure, clean, reliable and affordable sources of energy.

Atomic Energy Projects under construction

339. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the generating installed capacity of Atomic energy in our country;

(b) how much atomic energy is being generated at present against that capacity; and

(c) whether there are any other such project under construction or planning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The installed nuclear power capacity in the country is 2770 MWe.

(b) During the year 2004-05, 17010 Million Units of electricity were generated.

(c) Nine nuclear power reactors with a capacity of 4460 MWe are under construction at present. Out of the nine nuclear power reactors

under construction, Tarapur Atomic Power Project-4 (TAPP-4) (540 Mwe) has been connected to the grid on 4.6.2005, which is scheduled to commence commercial operation by August 2005. The work on remaining reactors is progressing as per schedule.

Agreement with Russia

340. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is getting any assistance from Russia to its nuclear energy programme;

(b) the details of reactor that Russia is going to supply to India;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Russia on this during recent Presidents visit to Russia; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN:) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two nuclear reactors of 1000 MWe each are presently under construction at Kudankulam Atomic Power Project in Tamil Nadu with technical co-operation with Russian Federation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable.

Allotment of captive coal mines to power projects

341. SHRI. R. KAMARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allot captive coal mines to power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of captive coal mines so fare allotted to power projects;